

## MEDCO Lists 1966 Customers

Each year the MEDCO Buyers list continues to expand. These firms provide the vital link in the MEDCO distribution chain as sales and marketers for MEDCO to the ultimate users. Some companies have been listed for many years while others have just been added. Among these users can be listed three of the top plywood sales and plant organizations in the United States and in the world.

While space does not allow a complete listing, it is interesting to note some of the main customers. At MEDCO, each customer, whether large or small, receives the same personal attention needed for good service and customer relations in today's complex and competitive marketing field.

The customers, listed alphabetically, LUMBER: Black Diamond Lumber Company, Cascade Wood Products, Hirsch Lumber Company, Lamson Lumber Company, J. H. Payne Lumber Company, Pine-Fir Sales West, Jim Richardson Lumber Company, Rygel Lumber Sales, Stange Lumber Company, Slaughter Bros. Inc. and Webb Lumber, Inc. PLYWOOD: American International Forest Products, California Wholesale Plywood, Continental Forest Products, Evans Products Company, Furman Lumber Company, Goldenberg Plywood Company, Independent Distributors Alliance Inc., Lawrence R. McCoy & Company, North Pacific Plywood Company, Structural Laminates, Inc., United States Plywood Corporation and Weyerhaeuser Company.

## SOTIA To Start Safety Contest

The Southern Oregon Timber Industries Association has announced plans for a periodic safety contest which will name the mill compiling the best safety record for a six-month period. The initial contest will conclude March 31.

Safety Committee chairman Chan Drew, Medford Corporation, said the purpose is to stimulate attention to effective safety programs in each of the member plants. Safety records will be kept for two divisions, he said. One division will be for lumber manufacturing, and the second for all other manufacturing of wood products.

Drew said that there will be fifteen wood processing mills participating in the initial competition. The SOTIA committee is devising a trophy for each division which will remain in possession of the safest mill until dethroned by a superior safety record in the next contest period.

## 7800 Pounds of Bird Distributed

On December 21, approximately 7800 pounds or four tons of turkey were given to MEDCO employees as a gift for the Christmas holidays. At 1:30 p.m. double rows of employees lined up at the Plywood Plant to await the handing out of the birds.

Some of the faces present on that day are shown on page four of this edition.

## RETIREMENT PARTY

Melvin Arnold will be honored at a retirement party given by his family at the Butte Falls Community Center Sunday, January 29 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to friends and fellow workers.

## Visitors Mount in 1966

MEDCO welcomed a record 2,251 registered visitors to the plant in 1966, with the possibility that just as many did not register. Last year 1,854 visitors were listed in the guest register.

The report came from Paula Obenshain, Medford Corporation Receptionist who is in charge of logging visitors in the book and greeting them as the official hostess for MEDCO.

August showed the highest amount of visitors, as did August of the previous year. During that month two visitors came from Holland, five from Kansas, one from England and two from France. In September three were recorded guests from New York and in December, two were from France and one from Germany.

Visitors are welcome to Medford Corporation and tours can be arranged. Guests must register at the office any weekday, preferably at 9 a.m. or between 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR 1967

The other day we asked a friend to tally up the number of New Year resolutions he's kept in his lifetime. An hour later, all his fingers and toes used up and with figures scattered over 112 sheets of typing paper, he answered: 149,324. But he's an honest man, and he confessed that this means resolutions broken, not kept. He couldn't remember any that he'd ever made good on. As we enter 1967, resolutions and promises will be made. Best wishes to you for better luck than his.

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### CARBON TET A DANGER

At least two companies in the household products field have recently published newspaper ads containing "stain removal charts" that advise the use of carbon tetrachloride as a solvent for grease, gum, wax or adhesive tape.

The National Safety Council has for years taken a strong stand against the use of carbon tet as a household cleaning agent because its vapors can be extremely poisonous.

When shopping for a cleaning agent, look at the label. If carbon tetrachloride is noted as an ingredient, put the product right back on the shelf, say safety and medical experts.

### Did Ya Hear About . . .

The all-American essence of something-or-other was demonstrated recently when fifteen genuine Indian squaws who were hired to make one hundred genuine papoose carriers for use in a movie, bought Boy Scout Manuals to show them how to do it.



### WINNERS NAMED IN SAFETY AWARD CONTEST

The qualified employees in the following groups are eligible for awards in the Safety Award Contest for the period of September through December 1966. The groups are as follows: Falling and Bucking, Logging Side #1, Logging Side #2, Logging Side #3, Road Construction, Woods Shops, Woods Misc., Log Barker, Lumber Transportation, Power Department, Lumber Stackers, Dry Kilns and Dry Chain, Planing Mill, Lumber Shipping, Machine Shop, Plywood-Veneer Preparations-Day Shift, Plywood-Panel-Swing Shift, Plywood-Veneer Preparations-Swing Shift, Plywood-Finish and Shipping, Plywood-Maintenance.

Each qualified employee will receive an award in recognition of this safety record.

### CREDIT UNION NOTES

The February issue of MEDCO News-Views will carry a complete synopsis of the Annual Credit Union Meeting held on Sunday, January 22.

The Credit Union Office hours are the same: Monday through Friday 12 noon to 12:45 and from 5 to 6 p.m.

### Statistics from the Plywood Plant

Statistics pulled from the Plywood Division indicate increasing records being set in Plywood production.

Mike Oreskovic, Plywood Superintendent passes on these figures for consumption. An average day might add up like this.

In lineal miles of surface feet, the plywood, four-feet wide, would extend 18.76 miles.

In lineal miles of surface core, the core, four-feet wide would lay 30.70 miles.

In stack, the plywood would be 5927.959 inches high.

In stack, the plywood would be 493.996 feet high.

Last year, 1966, a four-foot wide surface foot panel would extend approximately 4,231 miles. New York is approximately 3,300 miles away and Oreskovic is hoping to extend his plywood around the world. The next check will be in June.

### Market Report



By Ed Nave  
Sales Manager

Looking over the past year we found a fair market condition to start off the first half of the year and then during the last half we found a complete reversal. We started 1966 with a firm market that peaked during the second quarter lasting until the mid-year. Then tight money, along with other economic factors, slowed the forest products industry to the degree that it almost came to a complete standstill. However, with hard work, good customers in the consuming area and quality products, we were able to generate enough business to keep orders for the Plywood and Lumber Plants to continue operating. During this period we operated at times on a hand to mouth basis finding it practically impossible to build any order file for future business. This condition continued throughout the last half of 1966.

In reviewing last year's activities, we can sum it up by saying that it was one of the most unusual years that the Forest Products Industry has experienced in recent history.

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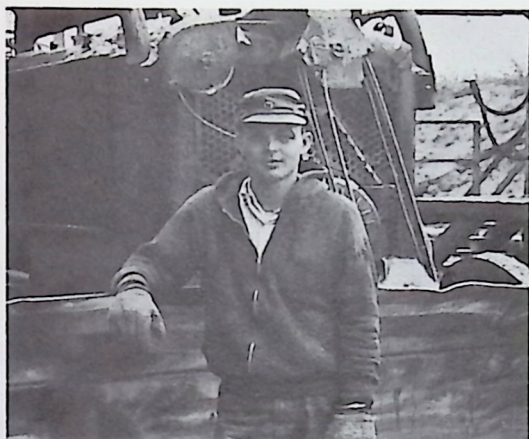
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## Sooper Snooper . . . Jes Snoopin . . . Resolutions are "out" in 1967

William "Bill" Robbins is a Fuel Man. His job consists of driving a big Cat D8 on the sawdust pile behind the power plant, checking belts, feeders and injectors to see that fuel is constantly flowing into the powerhouse furnaces. On a shift there are three workers, a fireman, an operator and Bill, the Fuel Man.

Bill is married and has five little Robbins. He and his wife are originally from "a wide place in the road," called Rich Hill, Missouri. They spent two years in Hawaiian Gardens, California, before coming to Medford. He has been working for MEDCO since October 1965. Bill likes to hunt and fish, but he didn't get his buck this year. Bill couldn't remember anything significant that happened in 1966 and he doesn't make resolutions anymore because he breaks them right away. This way "I don't feel so bad."



**Bill Robbins**

In July of 1954 Glenn Lowe started working for MEDCO. Glenn has lived in the Medford area all of his life near Griffin Creek. He is a Lumber Puller during the day and when fishing and hunting seasons are open he calls himself a "stream fisherman." He likes to hunt pheasant also.

As for resolutions, Glenn leaves that up to the "younger set." He does hope that 1967 will keep going as it has started. As for 1966, Glenn says that prices were too high. He then pointed to his gloves, which he says went from \$2.39 a pair to \$2.89. He has to buy a new pair each month.



**Glenn Lowe**

"My New Years Resolution is to get my wife to shut the car door before she backs out of the garage," says Tom Graves, Engineer on the railroad. He has been with MEDCO for twenty years. Tom was the engineer that brought the last load out of Butte Falls by rail. He says that he is looking forward to four or five years more with MEDCO. Last summer he was able to take a months vacation to Arkansas, "first real vacation in a long time."

Tom is sanding up the engine for traction. "Used to be a four man job,



**Tom Graves**

but Tom couldn't wait for his help to return. He has quite a job ahead of him since there are four sand tanks to fill. Each of the front two require thirty-six buckets of sand and each of the rear tanks will take eighteen.

Bill Hall, Lumber Handler in the Yard, sometimes finds himself working on the Lumber Green Chain. Other times he works "here and there." Bill originally came to Medford from Oakridge about four years ago and came

to MEDCO about one year ago from "that place on the other side of town." As for resolutions, Bill says, "if you don't make any, you don't have to break them." Bill is married and has four children.



**Bill Hall**

Robert Koger was caught oiling chains for the de-barker side lift. Who's Robert Koger? He has worked for MEDCO for the past ten years; five of those years he was working in Shipping loading cars. The Plywood Plant started in 1961 and Robert was brought under the supervision of George Davis, De-barker Supervisor. Still don't know? Robert Koger is really "Chips" Koger and he switches out chip cars, tops them and nets the cars for travel to



**Robert Koger**

Gardiner, Oregon where the chips will be processed for chip board. Chips, says Chips, are sorted according to type of wood. Douglas Fir and White Fir can be shipped together, but Pine is handled separately. Chips handles an average of ten cars per shift, although Plywood adds about six more cars while he is home watching television.



## TRIM ENDS

Under Trim Ends throughout the year 1966 were items of importance and not so important and bits and pieces that couldn't really be classified under any heading. But, as 1966 ended, Trim Ends turned to reflections and everything was included. Many items came up throughout the year, can you remember? Social Security Taxes were raised. The Box Car Shortage. Ed Inman's boat wasn't named and still isn't. In March, the Credit Union became a \$100,000 organization. Al Smith was named Chairman of the Southern Oregon Cooperative Fire Protection Committee. The new Rau-Te Lathe was installed and cores were peeled to less than three inches. The Big Log came in from the Butte Falls area. The New Plywood Standard came into effect. There were twenty births recorded in News-Views and eighteen of them were from the Plywood Plant.

Statistics show eight retirements with five of those retirements receiving buttons, having fifteen or more years service with MEDCO. There were twelve editions of MEDCO News-Views during the year 1966 and 120 plus pictures were published in those editions.

MEDCO News-Views will be heading for the woods next month to catch up on all the factual information and scuttlebutt.

About the Big Log, the editor of News-Views has been well informed through various sources that the thirty-two foot butt section of the 600 year old Douglas Fir was truly "one in a million."—what happened to the other 198 feet?

### New Arrivals . . .

HEMINGWAY, Lynda and Jerry, Plywood, a boy on December 13, 1966.

JACOBS, Lorraine and Gerald, Plywood, a girl on January 1, 1967.

VAN RIFER, Rosalie and Vern, Plywood, a girl on January 3, 1967.

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## Bowling Results

New Years resolutions came on strong for Al Smith, Logging Manager, and his team, the Scratch Pads on Monday, January 9. Al "Evviva" Smith took High Game, High Series and High Series with a handicap. Another hotshot in Mondays action was Jim "Evviva" Henry, MEDCO Forester. He rolled a 535 series, first time over the 500 mark.

So much for the resolutions as the results are in for January 16. Gus Priebe took High Game honors and High Series went to Bart Starr (Alias Ken Pickens). High Series with a Handicap went to Larry Ryerson.

"How about a turkey?" was the question of the day as 7800 pounds worth of birds were distributed to MEDCO employees throughout the afternoon of December 21.



Frank Root

	Won	Lost	Pct.	
1. Green Bay Packers	17	7	0.708	Bart Starr-Alias K Pickens 558
2. Wreckers	16	8	0.667	Hans Holt 522
3. U.S.F.S.	15	9	0.625	E Karlinger & G Anderson 495
4. Ralph's Appliance	13	11	0.542	Ralph Weiss 531
5. Odds & Ends	12½	11½	0.521	Alra Webster 544
6. Pushers	12½	11½	0.521	Bill Johnson 523
7. Sawmill	12	12	0.500	Rollin Rosenberger 501
8. Safeway	11½	12½	0.479	Bernie Reissland 498
9. Chinese Bandits	10½	13½	0.437	Don Relling 484
10. Frisco 49'ers	10	14	0.417	Marv Wright 493
11. Pitchford Mack Sales	10	14	0.417	Roy McManaman 470
12. Hi Graders	4	20	0.167	Mel Johnson 464